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angels should attempt, it were most *heinous* and accursed sacrilege. *Hooker, b. iii. f. 10.*
 This is the man should do the bloody deed:
 The image of a wicked *heinous* fault
 Lives in his eye. *Shakespeare's King John.*
 As it is a most *heinous*, so it is a most dangerous impiety to
 despise him that can destroy us. *Tillotson's Sermons.*
HEINOUSLY. adv. [from *heinous*.] Atrociously; wickedly.
HEINOUSNESS. n. f. [from *heinous*.] Atrociousness; wicked-
 ness.
 He who can treat offences provoking to God as jests and
 trifles, must have very little sense of the *heinousness* of them.
Rogers's Sermons.
HEIR. n. f. [*heire*, old Fr. *heres*, Latin.] One that is inher-
 itor of any thing after the present possessor.
 An *heir* signifies the eldest, who is, by the laws of England,
 to have all his father's land. *Locke.*
 What lady is that?
 — The *heir* of Alanfon, Rosaline her name. *Shakespeare.*
 That I'll give my voice on Richard's side,
 To bar my master's *heirs* in true descent,
 God knows, I will not do it. *Shakespeare, Richard III.*
 Being *heirs* together of the grace of life. *Pet. iii. 7.*
 The young extravagant *heir* had got a new steward, and
 was resolved to look into his estate before things grew
 desperate. *Swift.*
 Sunk is the hero, and his glory lost,
 And I his *heir* in misery alone. *Pope's Odyssey.*
 The *heirs* to titles and large estates have a weakness in
 their eyes, and a tenderness in their constitutions. *Swift.*
 To *HEIR. v. a.* [from the noun.] To inherit.
 His sons in blooming youth were snatch'd by fate;
 One only daughter *heir'd* the royal state. *Dryden's Æn.*
HEIRESS. n. f. [from *heir*.] An inheritrix; a woman that
 inherits.
 An *heiress* she, while yet alive;
 All that was her's to him did give. *Waller.*
 Æneas, though he married the *heiress* of the crown, yet
 claimed no title to it during the life of his father-in-law. *Dryd.*
HEIRLESS. adj. [from *heir*.] Without an heir; wanting one
 to inherit after him.
 I still think of
 The wrong I did myself; which was so much,
 That *heirless* it hath made my kingdom. *Shakef. Wint. Tale.*
HEIRSHIP. n. f. [from *heir*.] The state, character, or privi-
 leges of an heir.
 A layman appoints an heir or an executor in his will, to
 build an hospital within a year, under pain of being deprived
 of his *heirship*. *Ayliffe's Paragon.*
HEIRLOOM. n. f. [*heir* and *geloma*, goods, Sax.] Any furni-
 ture or moveable decreed to descend by inheritance, and there-
 fore inseparable from the freehold.
 Achilles' sceptre was of wood,
 Transmitted to the hero's line;
 Thence through a long descent of kings
 Came an *heirloom*, as Homer sings. *Swift.*
HELD. v. a. [from *hold*.] The preterite and part pass. of *hold*.
 A rich man beginning to fall, is *held* up of friends. *Ecclef.*
 If Minerva had not appeared and *held* his hand, he had
 executed his design. *Dryden.*
HELICAL. adj. [*heliacque*, Fr. from *ἥλιος*.] Emerging from
 the lustre of the sun, or falling into it.
 Had they ascribed the heat of the season to this star, they
 would not have computed from its *heliacal* ascent. *Brown.*
HELIACALLY. adv. [from *heliacal*.]
 From the rising of this star, not cosmically, that is, with
 the sun, but *heliacally*, that is, its emergence from the rays of
 the sun, the ancients computed their canicular days. *Brown.*
 He is tempestuous in the Summer, when he rises *heliacally*;
 and rainy in the Winter, when he rises achronically. *Dryden.*
HELICAL. adv. [*helice*, Fr. from *ἥλιος*.] Spiral; with many
 circumvolutions.
 The screw is a kind of wedge, multiplied or continued by
 a *helical* revolution about a cylinder, receiving its motion not
 from any stroke, but from a vertis at one end of it. *Wilkins.*
HELIOD Parabola, in mathematics, or the parabolic spiral,
 is a curve which arises from the supposition of the axis of
 the common Apollonian parabola's being bent round into the
 periphery of a circle, and is a line then passing through the
 extremities of the ordinates, which do now converge towards
 the centre of the said circle. *Harris.*
HELIOCENTRICK. adj. [*heliocentrique*, Fr. *ἥλιος*, and *κέντρον*.]
 The *heliocentrick* place of a planet is said to be such as it
 would appear to us from the sun, if our eye were fixed in its
 centre. *Harris.*
HELIOSCOPE. n. f. [*helioscope*, Fr. *ἥλιος* and *σκοπεῖν*.] A sort of
 telescope fitted so as to look on the body of the sun, without
 offence to the eyes. *Harris.*
HELIOTROPE. n. f. [*ἥλιος* and *τρέπω*; *heliotrope*, French;
heliotropium, Latin.] A plant that turns towards the sun;
 but more particularly the turnsol, or sun-flower.

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'Tis a common observation of flatterers, that they are like
 the *heliotrope*; they open only towards the sun, but shut and
 contract themselves at night, and in cloudy weather.
Government of the Tongue.
HELIOSPHERICAL. adj. [*helix* and *sphere*.]
 The *heliospherical* line is the rhomb line in navigation, and
 is so called because on the globe it winds round the pole spi-
 rally, and still comes nearer and nearer to it, but cannot ter-
 minate in it. *Harris.*
HELIX. n. f. [*helice*, Fr. *ἥλιος*.] A spiral line; a circumvolu-
 tion.
 Find the true inclination of the screw, together with the
 certain quantity of water which every *helix* does contain.
Wilkins's Dadalus.
HELL. n. f. [*helle*, Saxon.]
 1. The place of the devil and wicked souls.
 For it is a knell
 That summons thee to heaven, or to *hell*. *Shakef. Macbeth.*
 If a man were a porter of *hell* gates, he should have old
 turning the key. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*
 Let none admire
 That riches grow in *hell*; that soil may beft
 Deserve the precious bane. *Milton.*
 Hell's black tyrant trembled to behold
 The glorious light he forfeited of old. *Cowley.*
 2. The place of separate souls, whether good or bad.
 I will go down to my son mourning to *hell*. *Gen. vi. 35.*
 He descended into *hell*. *Apstles Creed.*
 3. Temporal death.
 The pains of *hell* came about me; the snares of death over-
 took me. *Palm xviii. 4.*
 4. The place at a running play to which those who are caught
 are carried.
 Then couples three be straight allotted there;
 They of both ends the middle two do fly;
 The two that in mid-place, *hell* called were,
 Must strive with waiting foot, and watching eye,
 To catch of them, and them to *hell* to bear,
 That they, as well as they, *hell* may supply. *Sidney.*
 5. The place into which the taylor throws his threads.
 This trusty squire, he had, as well
 As the bold Trojan knight, seen *hell*;
 Not with a counterfeit'd pass
 Of golden bough, but true gold lace. *Hudibras, p. i.*
 In Covent-garden did a taylor dwell,
 Who might deserve a place in his own *hell*. *King's Comedy.*
 6. The infernal powers.
 Much danger first, much did he sustain,
 While Saul and *hell* crost his strong fate in vain. *Cowley.*
 7. It is used in composition by the old writers more than by the
 modern.
HELL-BLACK. adj. Black as *hell*.
 The sea, with such a storm as his bare head
 In *hell-black* night endur'd, would have boil'd up,
 And quench'd the stelled fires. *Shakespeare, King Lear.*
HELL-BRED. adj. [*hell* and *bred*.] Produced in *hell*.
 Heart cannot think what courage and what cries,
 With foul enfolded smoke and flashing fire,
 The *hell-bred* beast threw forth unto the skies. *Fairy Queen.*
HELL-BROTH. n. f. [*hell* and *broth*.] A composition boiled up
 for infernal purposes.
 Adder's fork, and blind worm's stings,
 Lizard's leg, and owl's wing;
 For a charm of pow'rful trouble,
 Like a *hell-broth* boil and bubble. *Shakespeare, Macbeth.*
HELL-DOOMED. adj. [*hell* and *doom*.] Consigned to *hell*.
 And reckon't thou thyself with spirits of heav'n,
 Hell-doom'd! and breath't defiance here and scorn,
 Where I reign king? *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. iii.*
HELL-GOVERNED. adj. Directed by *hell*.
 Earth gape open wide and eat him quick,
 As thou do'st swallow up this good king's blood,
 Which his *hell-govern'd* arm hath butcher'd. *Shak. R. III.*
HELL-HATED. adj. Abhorred like *hell*.
 Back do I to these treasors to thy head,
 With the *hell-hated* lie o'erwhelm thy heart. *Shak. K. Lear.*
HELL-HAUNTED. adj. [*hell* and *haunt*.] Haunted by the
 devil.
 Pierce Osmond clos'd me in the bleeding bark,
 And bid me stand exposed to the bleak winds,
 And Winter's storms, and heav'n's inclemency,
 Bound to the fate of this *hell-haunted* grove. *Dryden.*
HELL-HOUND. n. f. [*helle* puns, Saxon.]
 1. Dogs of *hell*.
 Thou had'st a Clarence too, and Richard kill'd him:
 From forth the kennel of thy womb hath crept
 A *hell-hound*, that doth hunt us all to death. *Shakespeare, R. III.*
 Now the *hell-hounds* with superior speed
 Had reach'd the dame, and, fast'ning on her side,
 The ground with issuing streams of purple dy'd. *Dryden.*
 2. Agent of *hell*.
 I call'd

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I call'd
 My *hell-hounds* to lick up the draff, and filth,
 Which man's polluting sin with taint had shed
 On what was pure. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. x.*
HELL-KITE. n. f. [*hell* and *kite*.] Kite of infernal breed. The
 term *hell* prefixed to any word notes detestation.
 All my pretty ones?
 Did you say all? What, all? Oh, *hell-kite*! all?
 What, all my pretty chickens, and their dam,
 At one fell swoop? *Shakespeare, Macbeth.*
HELLEBORE. n. f. [*helleborus*, Latin.] Christmas flower.
 It hath a digitated leaf: the flower consists of several leaves
 placed orbicularly, and expanding in form of a rose: in the
 centre of the flower rises the pointal, encompassed about the
 base with several little horns between the chives and petals,
 which turn to a fruit, in which the membranaceous husks are
 gathered into a little head, ending in an horn, opening long-
 wise, and full of roundish or oval seeds. *Miller.*
HELLEBORE White. n. f. [*veratrum*, Latin.] A plant.
 The flower is naked, consisting of six leaves, expanding in
 form of a rose: in the middle arises the pointal, surrounded
 by six threads, which turn to a fruit; in which three mem-
 branaceous sheaths are gathered into a little head, and are full
 of oblong seeds resembling a grain of wheat, and compassed
 by a leafy wing. *Miller.*
 There are great doubts whether any of its species be the
 true *hellebore* of the ancients. *Miller.*
HELLENISM. n. f. [*ἑλληνισμός*.] An idiom of the Greek.
Ainsworth.
HELLISH. adj. [from *hell*.]
 1. Having the qualities of *hell*; infernal; wicked; detestable.
 No benefits shall ever allay that diabolical rancour that ser-
 vents in some *hellish* breads, but that it will foam out at its
 foul mouth in slander. *Saunders's Sermons.*
 Victory and triumph to the son of God,
 Now entering his great duel, not of arms,
 But to vanquish by wisdom *hellish* wiles. *Paradise Regain'd.*
 2. Sent from *hell*; belonging to *hell*.
 O thou celestial or infernal spirit of love, or what other
 heavenly or *hellish* title thou list to have, for effects of both I
 find in myself, have compassion of me. *Sidney, b. i.*
HELLISHLY. adv. [from *hellish*.] Infernally; wickedly; de-
 testably.
HELLISHNESS. n. f. [from *hellish*.] Wickedness; abhorred
 qualities.
HELLWARD. adv. [from *hell*.] Towards *hell*.
 Be next thy care the sable sheep to place
 Full o'er the pit, and *hellward* turn their face. *Pope's Odyssey.*
HELM denotes defence: as *Eadhelm*, happy defence; *Sighelm*,
 victorious defence; *Berthelm*, eminent defence: like *Amyntas*
 and *Bortius* among the Greeks. *Gibson's Camden.*
HELM. n. f. [*helma*, Saxon, from *helan*, to cover, to protect.]
 1. A covering for the head in war; a helmet; a morrion; an
 headpiece.
 France spreads his banners in our noiseless land;
 With plumed *helm* thy slay'r begins his threats. *Shakespeare.*
 Mneithus lays hard load upon his *helm*. *Dryden.*
 2. The part of a coat of arms that bears the crest.
 More might be added of *helms*, crests, mantles, and sup-
 porters. *Camden's Remains.*
 3. The upper part of the retort.
 The vulgar chymists themselves pretend to be able, by re-
 peated cobinations, and other fit operations, to make the dis-
 tilled parts of a concrete bring its own *caput mortuum* over the
helm. *Boyle.*
 4. [*helma*, Saxon.] The steerage; the rudder.
 They did not leave the *helm* in storms!
 And such they are make happy states. *Ben. Johnson, Catiline.*
 More in prosperity is reason tost
 Than ships in storms, their *helms* and anchors lost. *Denh.*
 Fair occasion flows the springing gale,
 And in crest guides the *helm*, and honour swells the sail. *Pri.*
 5. The station of government.
 I may be wrong in some of the means; but that is no ma-
 terial objection against the design: let those who are at the
helm contrive it better. *Swift.*
 6. In the following line it is difficult to determine whether
steersman or *defender* is intended: I think *steersman*.
 You slander
 The *helms* o' th' state, who care for you like fathers,
 When you curse them as enemies. *Shakespeare, Coriolanus.*
 To *HELM. v. a.* [from the noun.] To guide; to con-
 duct. *Hanner.*
 The very stream of his life, and the business he hath *helmed*,
 must give him a better proclamation. *Shakespeare, Measure for Measure.*
HELMED. adj. [from *helm*.]
 1. Furnished with a headpiece.
 The *helmed* cherubim
 Are seen in glittering ranks with wings display'd. *Milton.*
HELMET. n. f. [Probably a diminutive of *helm*.] A helm; a
 headpiece; armour for the head.

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I saw him down; thrice up again, and fighting;
 From *helmet* to the spur all bleeding o'er. *Shakespeare, H. V.*
 Put in their hands thy bruising irons of wrath,
 That they may crush down with a heavy fall
 Th' usurping *helms* of our adversaries. *Shak. Rich. III.*
 Sev'n darts are thrown at once, and some rebound
 From his bright shield, some on his *helmet* found. *Dryden.*
HELMINTHICK. adj. [from *ἕλμινθ*.] Relating to
 worms. *Dist.*
 To *HELP. v. a.* preter. *helped*, or *help*; part. *helped*, or *helpen*.
 [*hilpan*, Gothick; *helfan*, Saxon.]
 1. To assist; to support; to aid.
 Let us work as valiant men behoves;
 For boldest hearts good fortune *helpeth* out. *Fairfax, b. ii.*
 God *helped* him against the Philistines. *2 Chron. xxvi. 7.*
 They *helped* them in all things with silver and gold. *1 Esdr.*
 A man reads his prayers out of a book, as a means to *help*
 his understanding and direct his expressions. *Stillington.*
 This he conceives not hard to bring about,
 If all of you should join to *help* him out. *Dryden.*
 What I offer is so far from doing any diskindness to the cause
 these gentlemen are engaged in, that it does them a real ser-
 vice, and *helps* them out with the main thing whereat they
 stuck. *Woodward's Natural History.*
 The god of learning and of light,
 Would want a god himself to *help* him out. *Swift.*
 2. To remove, or advance by *help*.
 Woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not
 another to *help* him up. *Ecc. iv. 10.*
 Having never learned any laudable manual art, they have
 recourse to those foolish or ill ways in use to *help* off their
 time. *Locke.*
 Wherever they are at a stand, *help* them presently over the
 difficulty without any rebuke. *Locke.*
 3. To free from pain or disease.
Help and ease them, but by no means bemoan them. *Locke.*
 4. To cure; to heal.
 Love doth to her eyes repair,
 To *help* him of his blindness. *Shakespeare, Twelfth Night.*
 5. To remedy; to change for the better.
 Cease to lament for that thou can'st not *help*;
 And study *help* for that which thou lament'st. *Shakespeare.*
 If they take offence when we give none, it is a thing we
 cannot *help*, and therefore the whole blame must lie upon
 them. *Sanderfon.*
 It is a high point of ill nature to make sport with any man's
 imperfections, that he cannot *help*. *L'Estrange.*
 Those closing skies might still continue bright;
 But who can *help* it, if you'll make it night. *Dryden.*
 She, betwixt her modesty and pride,
 Her wiles, which the could not *help*, would hide. *Dryden.*
 It is reckoned ill manners for men to quarrel upon differ-
 ence in opinion, because that is a thing which no man can
help in himself. *Swift.*
 Those few who reside among us, only because they cannot
help it. *Swift.*
 6. To forbear; to avoid.
 He cannot *help* believing, that such things, he saw and
 heard. *Atterbury's Sermons.*
 I cannot *help* remarking the resemblance betwixt him and
 our author in qualities, fame, and fortune. *Pope.*
 7. To promote; to forward.
 If you make the earth narrower at the bottom than at the
 top, in fashion of a sugar-loaf reversed, it will *help* the expe-
 riment. *Bacon's Natural History.*
 8. To *HELP to*. To supply with; to furnish with.
 Whom they would *help* to a kingdom, those reign; and
 whom again they would, they displace. *1 Mac. viii. 13.*
 The man that is now with Tiresias can *help* him to his
 oxen again. *L'Estrange.*
 In plenty starving, tantaliz'd in state,
 And complainantly *help'd* to all I hate;
 Treated, caref'd, and tir'd, I take my leave. *Pope.*
 To *HELP. v. n.*
 1. To contribute assistance.
 Sir, how come it you
 Have *help* to make this rescue? *Shakespeare, Coriolanus.*
 Discreet followers and servants *help* much to reputation. *Bac.*
 Bennet's grave look was a pretence,
 And Danby's matchless impudence
Help'd to support the knave. *Dryden.*
 A generous present *helps* to persuade as well as an agreeable
 person. *Garrick.*
 2. To bring a supply.
 Some, wanting the talent to write, made it their care that
 the actors should *help* out where the mules failed. *Rymer.*
HELP. n. f. [from the verb; *hulpe*, Dutch.]
 1. Assistance; aid; support; succour.
 Muleasses, despairing to recover the city, hardly escaped his
 enemies hands by the good *help* of his uncle. *Kneller.*
 He